

Division of Veterans Services

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Historical Summary

OPERATING BUDGET	FY 2006 Total App	FY 2006 Actual	FY 2007 Approp	FY 2008 Request	FY 2008 Gov Rec
BY FUND CATEGORY					
General	1,942,300	1,846,700	1,651,000	1,749,300	1,718,400
Dedicated	13,986,100	12,788,300	14,366,800	14,923,100	14,770,200
Federal	5,403,700	5,154,600	5,487,300	17,040,900	16,778,700
Total:	21,332,100	19,789,600	21,505,100	33,713,300	33,267,300
Percent Change:		(7.2%)	8.7%	56.8%	54.7%
BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE					
Personnel Costs	128,100	14,001,300	15,379,900	16,460,200	16,086,700
Operating Expenditures	0	5,382,700	5,879,900	16,811,100	16,740,000
Capital Outlay	0	332,500	200,700	366,000	366,000
Trustee/Benefit	0	0	44,600	76,000	74,600
Lump Sum	21,204,000	73,100	0	0	0
Total:	21,332,100	19,789,600	21,505,100	33,713,300	33,267,300
Full-Time Positions (FTP)	306.32	306.32	306.30	309.30	307.30

Division Description

The Division of Veteran's Services has the responsibility to provide care and extend financial assistance to disabled and destitute Idaho wartime veterans and their dependents. Services include: managing and operating the Veteran's Homes that include 268 nursing care and 36 residential care and domiciliary beds; maintaining a Veteran's Service Office to assist veterans and their families in obtaining federal benefits to which they are entitled (this office is located at 805 W. Franklin Street, Boise, in space furnished by the Veteran's Administration); and extending emergency financial assistance to disabled or destitute veterans and their families.

The Idaho State Veterans Cemetery has the mission to inter eligible veterans and their dependents, to appropriately mark and record gravesites, and to maintain the cemetery as a place of honor for veterans as well as a place of remembrance and reflection for the citizens of Idaho.

The Division of Veteran's Services was transferred from the Department of Health and Welfare to the Department of Self-Governing Agencies in fiscal year 2001.

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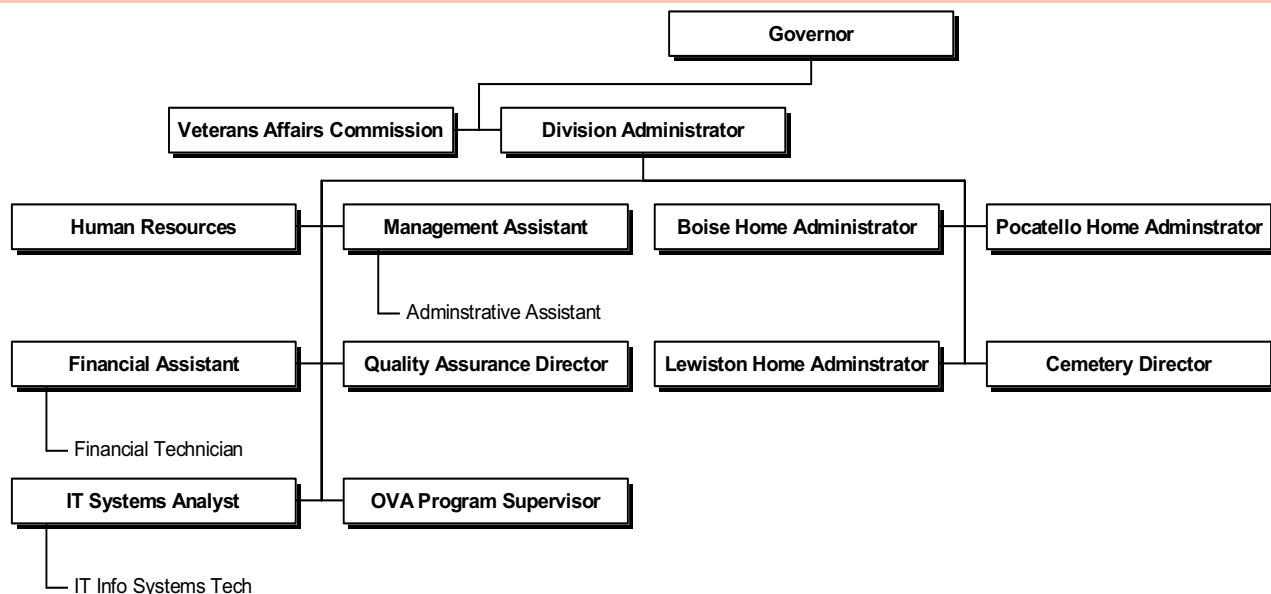
Agency Profile

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Key Services Provided	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
1. Amount of veteran benefit dollars coming into Idaho.	\$70.6M	\$111.0M	\$194.7M	\$44.9M
2. Number of claims filed with the Dept. of Veterans Affairs and other agencies.	2,307	2,011	2,911	3,344
3. % of returned questionnaires from residents and families indicating satisfaction.	98.5%	96.6%	92.6%	92.0%
4. Rate of Division staff turnover compared to industry average which is greater than 70%.	25%	18%	24%	22%
5. Number of new volunteer hours and annual volunteer hours.	67,952	83,576	59,903	68,090
6. Percent of occupied beds in facilities.	91.9%	90.5%	86.6%	87.6%

Sources of Funds	FY 2006 Expenditures	Percent of Total	FY 2007 Estimate	FY 2008 Request
1. General Fund (0001-00)	1,919,800	10%	1,651,000	1,749,300
The General Fund sources are the individual income tax, corporate income tax, sales tax, cigarette tax, beer tax, wine tax, liquor surcharge, kilowatt hour tax, mine license tax, treasurer's interest on investments of certain idle funds, and miscellaneous sources from agency receipts.				
2. Federal Funds (0348-00)	5,154,600	26%	5,487,300	17,040,900
Includes federal per diem amounts paid by Veterans Affairs.				
3. Miscellaneous Revenue	12,680,200	64%	13,971,100	14,480,900
Includes Medicaid reimbursement and moneys received from patients at any of the state's three veterans homes.				
4. Endowment Funds	35,000	0%	395,700	442,200
Money in this fund is five-thirtieths (5/30) of accrued funds resulting from all rentals, income, and interest from lands set aside by Section 11 of an Act of Congress, approved July 3, 1890, called the Charitable Institutions Fund (§66-1103 and §66-1106).				
TOTAL	19,789,600	100%	21,505,100	33,713,300

Organizational Chart



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Comparative Summary

Decision Unit	Agency Request			Governor's Rec		
	FTP	General	Total	FTP	General	Total
FY 2007 Original Appropriation	306.30	1,651,000	21,505,100	306.30	1,651,000	21,505,100
Non-Cognizable Funds and Transfers	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0
FY 2007 Estimated Expenditures	306.30	1,651,000	21,505,100	306.30	1,651,000	21,505,100
Removal of One-Time Expenditures	0.00	0	(200,700)	0.00	0	(200,700)
FY 2008 Base	306.30	1,651,000	21,304,400	306.30	1,651,000	21,304,400
Benefit Costs	0.00	45,800	485,000	0.00	0	0
Inflationary Adjustments	0.00	7,500	146,000	0.00	3,500	73,500
Replacement Items	0.00	0	612,400	0.00	0	612,400
Statewide Cost Allocation	0.00	1,000	47,600	0.00	1,000	47,600
Change in Employee Compensation	0.00	44,000	465,000	0.00	62,900	664,200
FY 2008 Program Maintenance	306.30	1,749,300	23,060,400	306.30	1,718,400	22,702,100
1. Idaho Veterans Cemetery North	0.00	0	10,500,000	0.00	0	10,500,000
2. New Administrative FTP	3.00	0	152,900	1.00	0	65,200
FY 2008 Total	309.30	1,749,300	33,713,300	307.30	1,718,400	33,267,300
Change from Original Appropriation	3.00	98,300	12,208,200	1.00	67,400	11,762,200
% Change from Original Appropriation		6.0%	56.8%		4.1%	54.7%

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Budget by Decision Unit	FTP	General	Dedicated	Federal	Total
FY 2007 Original Appropriation					
	306.30	1,651,000	14,366,800	5,487,300	21,505,100

Non-Cognizable Funds and Transfers

The agency is moving current operating funds for veterans transportation from the operating expenditures category to trustee and benefits category so that agency can pay veterans needing transportation services directly.

Agency Request	0.00	0	0	0	0
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	0	0	0	0

FY 2007 Estimated Expenditures					
Agency Request	306.30	1,651,000	14,366,800	5,487,300	21,505,100
Governor's Recommendation	306.30	1,651,000	14,366,800	5,487,300	21,505,100

Removal of One-Time Expenditures

Remove funding provided for one-time capital outlay items.

Agency Request	0.00	0	(200,700)	0	(200,700)
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	0	(200,700)	0	(200,700)

FY 2008 Base					
Agency Request	306.30	1,651,000	14,166,100	5,487,300	21,304,400
Governor's Recommendation	306.30	1,651,000	14,166,100	5,487,300	21,304,400

Benefit Costs

Restores funding for premium holidays taken in FY 2007 estimated at \$865 per employee. Also includes the employer-paid portion of estimated changes in employee benefit costs including \$350 per employee for health insurance.

Agency Request	0.00	45,800	231,600	207,600	485,000
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The Governor recommends that all health insurance related adjustments be funded by program changes or utilizing reserves available in the group insurance contract. As the PERSI Board voted to maintain the current contribution rate for the upcoming fiscal year, no adjustment to retirement rates is necessary.

Governor's Recommendation	0.00	0	0	0	0
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Inflationary Adjustments

This customized inflationary adjustment is a 2.50% increase over the base. The general inflation was calculated by subtracting statewide cost allocation plan costs and applying 1.81% for all remaining costs except insurance, utilities, and miscellaneous expenditures, general services, specific use supplies, and rental & operating leases. In those categories, the agency projected costs based on additional buildings and associated costs to maintain current operations and then requested the actual cost versus the 1.81% or the 3.06% for medical inflation.

The department is also requesting a fund shift of \$33,200 from other dedicated funds to the endowment income fund. The endowment fund income for FY 2008 increased by \$36,800 over the FY 2007 distribution.

Agency Request	0.00	7,500	101,900	36,600	146,000
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Inflationary increases are provided only for contractual obligations. Other inflationary requests are not recommended. The fund shift was not recommended by the Governor.

Governor's Recommendation	0.00	3,500	51,400	18,600	73,500
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Budget by Decision Unit	FTP	General	Dedicated	Federal	Total
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Replacement Items

The agency is requesting to spend federal VA grant funds and dedicated funds to pay for the following replacement items:

LEWISTON VETERAN'S HOME: 2 Hot Water Storage Tanks (\$7,000); Commercial Dryer (\$3,000); Cooling Tower (\$12,000); Kitchen Steamer (\$4,000); and High Low Beds (\$8,000).

POCATELLO VETERAN'S HOME: Cooling Tower (\$12,000); High Low Beds (\$6,000); Lawn Tractor (\$15,000); 3 Med Carts (\$18,000); and a pressure relieving air mattress (\$2,000).

BOISE VETERAN'S HOME: Convection Oven (\$10,300); Heated Plate Lowerator (\$2,400); Cutter/Mixer (\$1,500); Table Saw (\$1,600); Drill Press (\$600); 20 Bed Frames (\$30,000); 64 Mattresses (\$9,600); a Hoyer Lift (\$3,300); miscellaneous equipment (\$2,700); a Sera Lift (\$3,200); and a security system (\$30,000)

ADMINISTRATION: 28 Computer Workstations & 12 Laptops (\$80,000); software upgrades (\$10,000); a server back up and recovery system (\$55,000); IT switches (\$ 32,000); miscellaneous IT equipment (\$13,200); and software upgrades to the maintenance management software Andover (\$240,000).

Agency Request	0.00	0	86,800	525,600	612,400
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	0	86,800	525,600	612,400

Statewide Cost Allocation

This decision unit includes adjustments for services provided by state agencies as follow: \$36,100 for Attorney General fees, \$9,900 for State Controller fees, \$1,100 for State Treasurer fees, and \$500 for property and casualty insurance premiums.

Agency Request	0.00	1,000	35,100	11,500	47,600
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	1,000	35,100	11,500	47,600

Change in Employee Compensation

Reflects the calculated cost of a 3.5% salary increase for permanent and group positions.

Agency Request	0.00	44,000	301,600	119,400	465,000
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The Governor recommends a compensation increase of 5% to be distributed based on merit.

Governor's Recommendation	0.00	62,900	430,800	170,500	664,200
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FY 2008 Program Maintenance

Agency Request	306.30	1,749,300	14,923,100	6,388,000	23,060,400
Governor's Recommendation	306.30	1,718,400	14,770,200	6,213,500	22,702,100

1. Idaho Veterans Cemetery North

The Division of Veterans Services is requesting spending authority to construct a Veterans cemetery in northern Idaho. The \$10,500,000 represents the total amount of fund applied for from the Veterans Affairs National Cemetery grants program. The anticipated opening date of the new cemetery would be the start of FY 2009.

Upon completion the annual operating costs for the facility are anticipated to be \$274,300. The operating costs will be slightly offset by revenue projections of \$72,000; however, once the facility is open the department anticipates an FY 2009 budget request for on-going operating in the amount of \$202,300 from state General funds.

Agency Request	0.00	0	0	10,500,000	10,500,000
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	0	0	10,500,000	10,500,000

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2. New Administrative FTP					
The Division of Veterans Services is requesting three new positions to assist with administration of the department. The request includes a new IT Information Systems Technician Sr. position that is budgeted at \$16.35 per hour plus benefits, and two new Financial Technician Positions that are budgeted at \$12.23 per hour plus benefits. The department is also requesting \$9,400 of total on-going operating costs for the three positions as well as \$13,200 for new computers and office equipment for the three individuals. The agency states that this request is due to staffing estimates that were very conservative when the Division of Veteran's Services was first set up.					
Agency Request	3.00	0	0	152,900	152,900
<i>The Governor recommends one additional FTP and the corresponding personnel costs. The Governor also recommends the total requested amount of operating and capital outlay.</i>					
Governor's Recommendation	1.00	0	0	65,200	65,200
FY 2008 Total					
Agency Request	309.30	1,749,300	14,923,100	17,040,900	33,713,300
Governor's Recommendation	307.30	1,718,400	14,770,200	16,778,700	33,267,300
Agency Request					
Change from Original App	3.00	98,300	556,300	11,553,600	12,208,200
% Change from Original App	1.0%	6.0%	3.9%	210.6%	56.8%
<i>Governor's Recommendation</i>					
<i>Change from Original App</i>	<i>1.00</i>	<i>67,400</i>	<i>403,400</i>	<i>11,291,400</i>	<i>11,762,200</i>
<i>% Change from Original App</i>	<i>0.3%</i>	<i>4.1%</i>	<i>2.8%</i>	<i>205.8%</i>	<i>54.7%</i>